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SUBJ: BOMBING OF PERUVIAN CONSULATE IN PUERTO RICO

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1. REFTEL ASKS EMBASSY TO FORWARD TO FONOFF NOTE EXPLAINING WHY USG DECLINES COMPENSATION TO THE GOP FOR DAMAGES SUFFERED IN A JULY 26, 1974 BOMBING OF THE PERUVIAN CONSULATE IN PUERTO RICO. THE EMBASSY REFERRED PERUVIAN CONSULATE CLAIM TO DEPARTMENT BY REF AIRGRAM DATED SEPT 9, 1974.

2. WE BELIEVE DEPARTMENT'S POSITION SET FORTH IN REFTEL WILL ADVERSELY AFFECT OUR FEBRUARY 19, 1975 REQUEST TO THE GOP FOR COMPENSATION FOR DAMAGES SUFFERED BY THE EMBASSY IN FEBRUARY 5 DISTURBANCES. (EMBASSY DAMAGE IS ESTIMATED AT \$8,000; DESTRUCTION OF PEACE CORPS PROPERTY IS ESTIMATED AT AN ADDITIONAL \$5,000.) PROPOSED TIMING IS ALSO UNFORTUNATE SINCE WE HAVE RECEIVED NO PERUVIAN REPLY AS YET TO EMBASSY'S FEBRUARY NOTE. WE BELIEVE THAT IF GOP WERE INCLINED TO ACCEPT FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR DAMAGES TO U.S. EMBASSY AND PROPERTY, DEPARTMENT REASONING ON PUERTO RICO CONSULATE CASE WOULD CAUSE THAT INCLINATION TO FADE. GOP IS LIKELY TO VIEW PUERTO RICAN CONSULATE BOMBING AND FEBRUARY 5 DAMAGE TO EMBASSY AS SIMILAR INCIDENTS.

3. WE PROPOSE TO HOLD IN ABEYANCE UNTIL FRIDAY, MARCH 21, NOTE IN REPLY TO PERUVIAN CLAIM TO AFFORD DEPARTMENT OPPORTUNITY
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REVIEW ITS POSITION ON PERUVIAN CONSULATE CLAIM IN LIGHT OF U.S.

EMBASSY CLAIM.

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